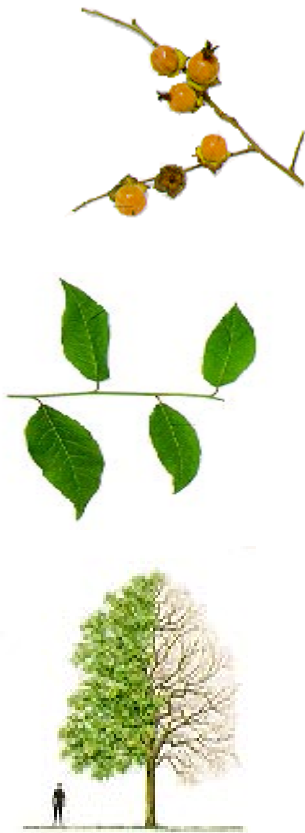


TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Persimmon

Diospyros virginiana

This deciduous tree is a native to the Eastern United States and is found in woods and areas with dry soil. The leaves are pointed, untoothed, and a glossy dark green. The bark is dark brown to black, and fissured into small, square plates. The berries are edible and ripen to red or orange-red. The Persimmon grows to 100 feet tall.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Happy New Year from the Urban and Community Forestry Program! We hope 2001 brings good health and happiness to you all. We are planning many exciting projects for the new year and we hope to see many of you during the year. Now is a great time to spread the word about the benefits of trees in our communities, and we are here to assist in any way possible. Sarah

Urban Forestry Grants Available for 2001

Washington's Urban and Community Forestry Program is excited to announce the availability of approximately \$100,000 for community forestry projects. The maximum amount to be requested for any project is \$10,000. All grant dollars must be matched on a one-to-one basis with hard dollars or in-kind contributions. Eligible grantees include, but are not limited to, municipalities of any size, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and educational institutions. The final application is due March 8, by 4:30 p.m. Applications are available by contacting the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-8733. Applications are also available electronically as a Word 97 document. Send a request to urban_forestry@wadnr.gov to receive an application in this format.

Grant Writing Workshops

The Urban and Community Forestry Program will be hosting four regional grant writing workshops. The first will be held January 24, 2001, in Kennewick, the second on January 25, in Wenatchee. The third workshop will be January 31, in Olympia, and the fourth and final workshop will be February 1, in Mount Vernon. These half-day workshops will cover topics such as deciding on a project to apply for, describing projects in a compelling manner, budgets, and administering money once the grant is awarded. For more details and to register, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

U&CF Strategic Plan Available

A year and a half of hard work by the Washington Community Forestry Council has resulted in *Forever Green: Community Forestry in Washington State, A Strategic Plan for the 21st Century*. The plan includes the mission, purpose and goals of the Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) program, as well as background information. If you would like to receive a copy of the strategic plan, please e-mail the Urban and Community Forestry Program at urban_forestry@wadnr.gov or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Turf, Tree & Landscape Conference

The 15th Annual Inland Northwest Turf, Tree & Landscape Conference is scheduled for February 1 & 2, 2001, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. The Turf, Tree, & Landscape Conference is an education program that attracts over 300 professional landscapers, arborists, master gardeners, pest control companies, nursery employers, educators, students, and public and private grounds maintenance professionals from Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. The 2001 Conference will also feature a pre-conference tree-pruning workshop, which will be offered on January 31, and will involve a hands-on pruning tour of Coeur d'Alene and classroom time. Pesticide re-certification credits for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be available along with International Society of Arboriculture continuing education units. For more information on the conference or to receive a brochure, call Washington State University, Conferences & Professional Programs at 1-800-942-4978 or email wsuconf@wsu.edu. Information is also available online at <http://capps.wsu.edu/programs/TTLC01.htm>.

Training for Climbing Arborists

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) is presenting ArborMaster training for climbing arborists. "Safety, Skill & Productivity Training for Climbing Arborists" will improve climbing, chainsaw and rigging skills. The six-day training program consists of three modules. The modules are separated by several weeks to allow for practice and the development of skills. The course will be offered for \$300 (regularly \$925), and will be held at locations in Seattle/Tacoma and Spokane in the Spring of 2001. The Washington Department of Labor and Industries, WISHA Safety and Health Grant Program has provided funding and support of this project. Registration is limited, and will be processed on a first come, first served basis. For more information on course locations, dates, times, and registration, please contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 or e-mail at info@pnwisa.org.

In the works (continued)

"In the woods we return to reason and faith."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

TRIVIA: A study in Georgia showed that houses with at least five trees (regardless of species) sold for _____% more than comparable houses without trees.

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Trees and Utilities National Conference

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) is presenting the Trees and Utilities National Conference, February 6-8, 2001. The conference will be held at the Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Attendees will learn how communities and utilities are meeting the challenges of growing urban trees while maintaining safe and reliable delivery of utility services. Some of the topics include tree planting, public education, research, worker training, State of the Industry, and the Tree Line USA Awards Banquet. A representative from Puget Sound Energy will be presenting information on their Tree Watch Program at the conference. You must register by January 22, 2001, to receive a discounted rate. For more information about this conference, please call NADF at 1-888-448-7337 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Time, or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733.

Social Issues and the Environment

The NADF is hosting a conference on Social Issues and the Environment, March 6-8 2001, at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska. This premiere national conference has been designed to provide an exchange of information and an opportunity for community leaders to better understand the inter-relationship of societal and environmental issues. The goal is to look at how natural resources and use of green space contributes to the success of a community and provides benefits to society. The conference will include speakers on the following general topics: How Green Improves a Community, Economic Development and Community Improvement, Developing Our Resources, Involving and Educating Young People, and Involving and Inspiring People. The conference also includes a presentation by Dr. Kathleen Wolf of the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture. For more information on this conference, contact the NADF at 1-888-448-7337 or view the conference brochure on the Internet at www.arborday.org.

Restoring the Urban Forest Ecosystem. The University of Florida created this CD-ROM. It was edited by Mary L. Duryea, Eliana Kampf, and Lawrence V. Korhank, and has a variety of information on how to restore urban ecosystems. In 10 chapters this CD-ROM presents the principles and processes for restoration including: an introduction and glossary, basic ecological principles, biodiversity, plant succession and disturbances, planning, the hydrologic cycle, site assessment and soil improvement, enriching and managing wildlife, and invasive plants. Copies are available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. Supplies are limited.

January

- 4-6 Washington Association of Landscape Professionals and Washington State Nursery & Landscaping Association Leadership Conference. Orcas Island, Wash. Call 1-800-833-2186.
- 24 Grant Writing Workshop. Kennewick. Call 1-800-523-TREE for details.
- 25 Grant Writing Workshop. Wenatchee. Call the TreeLink hotline for details.
- 31 Grant Writing Workshop. Olympia. Call 1-800-523-8733 for details.

February

- 1 Grant Writing Workshop, Mount Vernon. Contact the U&CF program at 1-800-523-TREE.
- 1-2 Inland Northwest Turf, Tree & Landscape Conference. Contact WSU at 1-800-942-4978.
- 6-8 Trees and Utilities Conference. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact NADF at 1-888-448-7337.
- 7-11 Northwest Flower and Garden Show, Seattle. Visit www.gardenshow.com/nw for information.
- 8-10 Oregon Landscape Contractors Association (OLCA) Conference, Beach, Oregon. Contact OLCA at (503) 253-9091 or 1-800-505-8105 for more information or registration materials.
- 14 Washington Community Forestry Council meeting in Seattle. Call the TreeLink hotline for details.